Mr. Gopalachar.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that persons without B.L. or LL.B. qualifications but appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors have not been doing their work satisfactorily?

Inspector-General of Police.—

There are no cases of complaint. If we get any, we shall immediately change the officer.

Mr. Chennappa.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that 50 per cent of the officers in the Police Department are inefficient?

Second Member of Council.—

Where is it stated?

Mr. Chennappa.—

Was it not stated before the Enquiry Committee?

Second Member of Council.—

That does not arise out of this question. The question is entirely that of Prosecuting Inspectors and it cannot include supplementary questions on any other point.

MESSRS. T. S. MANGESHA RAO (Sagar Taluk), NADIG BHASKARA RAO (Sorab Taluk), B. GOPALACHAR, THUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA and KATTE DACAPPA (Tirthahalli Taluk), B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), A. N. VENKOBA RAO (Kumsi Sub-Taluk) and J. SIVARUDRAPPA (Honnali Taluk).—

Q.—37. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of infantile mortality in the Malnad taluks of the district for the last five years ?

(2) The number of infantile deaths due to fever complaint?

(3) Whether the Government are aware that the medical relief granted to Malnad areas of the State is not adequate to cope successfully with this dire disease which takes a heavy toll every year?

(4) Whether the Government will be pleased to order an immediate Infantile Mortality Survey in the

Malnad areas of the State to find out the cause and remedies to cope with the disease?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—37. (1) Infantile mortality in the Malnad taluks of the Shimoga District for the past 5 years ending 1927 is as follows:—

Year	*No. of infantile deaths.*	*Ratio per 1,000 of recorded births.*
1923	.. 1,036	107·20
1924	.. 1,271	127·54
1925	.. 1,115	145·69
1926	.. 1,313	147·69
1927	.. 1,123	128·99

(2) The mortuary returns received do not contain this information.

(3) A programme for adding new dispensaries in the Malnad tracts of the State is being steadily pursued. So far, 23 new dispensaries are opened under the Malnad Improvement Scheme in the State as detailed below:—

Shimoga	.. 8
Kadur	.. 9
Hassan	.. 4
Mysore	.. 2
Total	.. 23

Three more such dispensaries will have to be opened in the Malnad taluks for which provision has been made in the current year's Medical Budget.

(4) The proposal will be examined.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

With reference to sub-question (2) can the Government call for the information and furnish it?

Second Member of Council.—

Not possible.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

At least the number of deaths in the hospital may be ascertained.

Second Member of Council.—

You have not asked that question. You wanted the information for the whole State.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

I wish to point out that medical relief in the Malnad parts of the State is not sufficient to combat this dire disease. It is necessary that Tropical Disease Experts should be sent to the Malnad area to find out the remedy.

President.—

That is not a supplementary question. You can bring it in only as a representation.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

I want to know if it is not desirable to depute such experts to combat the disease.

Third Member of Council.—

That again is not a supplementary question. Is there any information that you want to elicit from Government?

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Will the Government please examine the proposal early?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall examine your suggestion.

Mr. Dyave Gowda.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that there are many cases of death in the Malnad on account of infantile mortality ?

Third Member of Council.—

The answer to your question is obvious. The programme of adding new dispensaries is with the object of affording relief.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Are Government aware of the ratio of infantile mortality in the Western countries ?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Will the information be placed on the table ?

Third Member of Council.—

The information is not exclusively in the possession of Government. It can be had from the books published on the subject.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Are arrangements made for holding child welfare, baby show, etc., in the several parts of the State ?

Second Member of Council.—

Baby shows are being held in some places, for instance, in Shimoga.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

I mean Government arrangements and not those made by the Civic and Social Progress Association. Are such arrangements made in the Malnad parts ?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Is it not found necessary ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What action has been taken in the matter ?

Third Member of Council.—

Instructions have been issued.

MESSRS. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA and GOJJANUR CHENNAPPA SETTY (Sagar Taluk), BASAPPA GOWDA (Sorab Taluk), THUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA, KATTE DACAPPA and B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk), T. S. MANGESHA